

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE: REPORT TO SESSION

January 2023

NO ACTION ITEMS for session

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The new Church Buddy program kicks off January 22 between Sunday School and Worship with an introduction by Carolyn Cromer. All participating adults have been asked to submit a background check.
- ROOTS bowling outing January 22. More details to follow.
- ROOTS (3-5th graders) are invited to light the Christ Candle during Worship. Those interested can sign up through a Signup Genius link created by Rhonda.
- Tween Camp (3rd-5th graders) planned for April 28-29 at Cedar Ridge Camp.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Children's Committee met January 16th at Martha and Steve Makela's home. Parents were encouraged to write thoughts/ideas on post it notes for the following: What goals should our Children's & Youth programs prioritize? Where does HPC shine? Where do we fall short? What attributes make for a thriving Children's/Youth/Family program?
- Some of the ideas & discussion topics were:
Goals: How can we engage our children & parents more? Be mission, service, and community driven. How do we get more families back? How do we incorporate our DEIB&N mission?

Ask the church to demonstrate commitment to children & youth.
Blended youth & children's choir.

Shine: Children feel loved & seen, we have loving children,
faithful.

Fall short: Prioritizing leaders for children & youth. Nothing for
children & youth in worship.

Attributes: Community building, welcoming, inclusive, creative.
Need director(s) who are leading and a program with multiple
leaders-it takes a village

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